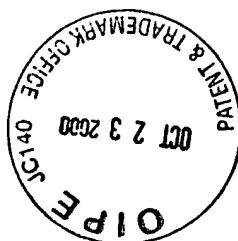


PHLY-25,357



GP-2768
2161
A
M
6/7/01

PATENT

TC 2700 MAIL ROOM

OCT 25 2000

RECEIVED

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jeffry Jovan PHILYAW

Serial No.: 09/597,131

Filing Date: June 20, 2000

Group: 2768

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: PORTABLE SCANNER FOR ENABLING AUTOMATIC COMMERCE
TRANSACTIONS

Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with
the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope
addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington,
DC 20231 on

18 October 2000

(Date of Deposit)

John J. Arnott Reg. No. 39,095

(Name of Person Mailing Document)

John J. Arnott

(Signature)

10/18/00

(Date of Signature)

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Please delete the current statement in its entirety and insert therefor:

-- This application is a Continuation-in-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE" filed on August 19, 1999, which is a

A1
cont.
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Serial No. 09/597,131

Page 1 of 3